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TRIBUTE TO DR. HERMAN AND
GLADYS STURMAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Herman and Gladys Sturman for their outstanding commitment to others that has done so much to improve the quality of life in our community.

The Talmud tells us that "He who does charity and justice is as if he had filled the whole world with kindness." The Jewish Community Centers of Greater Los Angeles has recognized both Herman and Gladys for their tireless dedication to the Jewish community and the community at large. Their philanthropy sets an example for us all.

Along with having been members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Centers, Herman and Gladys have contributed immensely through an array of activities. Gladys was the founder of West Valley Kehillah, a group of 21 Jewish organizations that exemplifies leadership, volunteerism, and service throughout the greater Los Angeles area. In 1974, she was selected as the Most Outstanding Member of the Quarter Century by Temple Beth Ami. While she continues to serve as a member of numerous Jewish organizations, she still finds the time to contribute articles to several Jewish magazines.

Dr. Sturman is a past president of Temple Beth Ami and was a founding member of the Board of Humana Hospital. In addition to his charitable work, Dr. Sturman was the first practicing gynecologist and obstetrician in the West San Fernando Valley.

Aside from their devoted service to the community, Herman and Gladys' unwavering commitment to their family is praiseworthy in and of itself. Throughout their forty-nine years of marriage, they have maintained a Jewish home which is compassionate, accepting, moral, and intellectually alive. They have passed these values on as well to their four children and twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Herman and Gladys Sturman, true role models for the residents of Los Angeles.

TRIBUTE TO CMDR. MARK M.
LEARY, USN

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Naval officer, Commander Mark M. Leary who for the past three years has served with distinction as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller as a Principal Assistant and Deputy in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Navy, the Congress, and our great nation.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in January 1996, Commander Leary has provided members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and personal staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the members of the Subcommittee, which I had the privilege to Chair the past four years, and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well trained and well equipped naval forces in the world for our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Leary and his wife Paula have made many sacrifices during his naval career and as they embark once again on that greatest adventure of a Naval aviator's career, commander of a helicopter squadron, I call upon my colleagues to wish him every success as well as fair winds and following seas.

SAN MATEO COUNTY POLICE
CHIEFS' AND SHERIFF'S ASSO-
CIATION ENDORSES H.R. 1428

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I recently received a letter from Mr. John Stangl, Police Chief of the City of San Mateo, California, and the President of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association, informing me that "without reservation, the membership of the San Mateo County Policy Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association voted to endorse and support H.R. 1428, the David Chetcuti Firearm Modification Act."

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1428, which I introduced earlier this year, would close the existing loophole which permits felons to have access to firearm components which they can use to assemble assault weapons. My legislation is simple and does not require any additional law enforcement effort than currently law requires. Quite simply, this legislation would extend the provisions of existing gun control legislation to those components which criminals can and do use to make assault weapons.

H.R. 1428 is called the David Chetcuti Firearm Modification Act, Mr. Speaker, in honor and in recognition of Officer Chetcuti who was killed one year ago by a felon who legally could not purchase a gun, but who was able to purchase a series of firearm components which he then used to assemble the kind of gun that he could not purchase.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I ask that the letter of Police Chief John Stangl be placed in the RECORD.

SAN MATEO COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS'
AND SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION,
San Mateo, CA, May 6, 1999.
Congressman TOM LANTOS,
San Mateo, CA.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN LANTOS: Without reservation, the membership of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff Association voted to endorse and support H.R. 1428, the David Chetcuti Firearm Modification

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Act. In its unanimous decision, the association recognized the need to extend firearm laws to gun components and restrict the manner in which they can be acquired.

The use of firearms to resolve conflict or perform an illegal act has become a daily part of our lives. While it can be debated that no amount of legislation will eliminate this tragic reality, it does not make sense to provide an open market for high powered, multi round weapons.

It is obvious that the existing law must be amended to provide the protection to society that was originally intended. We thank you for your efforts and appreciate having the opportunity to work with you.

Respectfully,

JOHN STANGL,
Police Chief, City of
San Mateo, Presi-
dent, San Mateo
County Police
Chiefs' And Sheriff's
Association.

HONORING MR. RICHARD LANDIS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, It is a great honor for me to rise before my colleagues today and pay tribute to Mr. Richard Landis, of Davison, Michigan, who has received the American Ambulance Association's 1999 "Star of Life" award for his outstanding service as an Emergency Medical Services professional.

The remarkable thing about individuals who serve as emergency medical responders is that they are always on duty. No matter where they are or what they are doing—they may be called upon to assist another person. Their ability to be swift and precise at that moment is of utmost importance; it can be the difference between life or death.

Mr. Landis was in just such a situation while spending a leisurely afternoon at the Silverdome. When another individual also at the Silverdome suffered from a sudden heart attack, Mr. Landis stepped in and saved that individual's life. Due to Mr. Landis's immediate desire to help and his quick thoughts and actions, that cardiac arrest victim is alive today.

This truly amazing event exemplifies the characteristics of Mr. Landis. Not only is he a talented medical professional, but he also brings courage and compassion to his work. His colleagues have noted that they frequently turn to him for advice and support, and they can count on him for his kind and positive attitude.

Since this is Emergency Medical Services week, it is an appropriate time for all of us to think about the valuable role of EMS workers in our communities. I am grateful to have the opportunity to recognize the service that Mr. Landis delivers to communities in my district. His actions are an inspiration for us all and I am proud to represent him in Congress.